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# Sir J. Jekyll's SPEECH.

*My Lords,*

THE Commons cannot but think it hard that in this Assembly of the *British Nation*, after more than One and twenty Years Enjoyment of the Advantage arising by the *Late Happy Revolution*, it should be necessary to Plead in Vindication of it. They who share in the Legislature with your Lordships, have put themselves in the nature of Suitors to you against This Offender; in whom your Lordships will see the Reverse of a *True English Subject*.

' If the Justice of the *Revolution* be establish-  
 ' ed, the Toleration will be rejoyc'd in by  
 ' some, and *Grievous* to none : But if the  
 ' Justice of that Foundation be questioned,  
 ' every thing built upon it is, in some degree  
 ' shaken, and an Opportunity given for Dis-  
 ' putes never to be ended, but by a Total  
 ' Subversion of our Government and Consti-  
 ' tution. From what Quarter is it that all  
 ' the Obstruction and Opposition to the late  
 ' King and to her present Majesty has  
 ' come ? Upon the Succession depends our  
 ' present Happiness, and future Hopes : and  
 ' yet this Criminal at the Bar has not thought  
 ' fit once to go out of his way, as to menti-  
 ' on it in his Answer. Can the Pretender  
 ' have any Hopes, but in Avoidance of  
 ' that Law ? Can it be thought proper to  
 ' Preach this Doctrine in the Reign of the  
 ' best of Princes, which can be of no use  
 ' but to the Worst ? The right stating the  
 ' Case of *Resistance* at the Revolution, will  
 ' be a means of settling Mens Minds in the  
 ' Love of Order and Regularity ; which is  
 ' the great End and Design of the Law to  
 ' secure.

' It is a Fundamental Rule, that the Law is  
 ' the only Measure of the Prince's Authori-  
 ' ty, and the Peoples Submission to it.  
 ' There is nothing plainer, than that the  
 ' Sense



‘ Sense of the Law must be found out by  
 ‘ the Law it self; and that Religion has  
 ‘ nothing to do on that occasion, but to en-  
 ‘ force Obedience from the Consideration of  
 ‘ higher Rewards, and future Punishments.

‘ *My Lords*, it may be asserted, that the  
 ‘ People have an Interest and Right to the  
 ‘ Law and Constitution. This is a Principle  
 ‘ arising from the Nature of Civil Society;  
 ‘ and this Right the Nation Asserted, and  
 ‘ Recover’d out of the Hands of Those who  
 ‘ had dispossest’d them of it. There are to  
 ‘ this purpose, Two famous Instances in the  
 ‘ Knowledge of the present Age; the *Restau-*  
 ‘ *ration* and *Revolution*. By both these Great  
 ‘ and Happy Events the Regal Power, and  
 ‘ the Rights of the People were recover’d:  
 ‘ And it is hard to say, in which the People  
 ‘ had the greatest Interest; they having an  
 ‘ Advantage by every Prerogative of the  
 ‘ Crown.

‘ Our Constitution was Recover’d at  
 ‘ the Time of the *Restoration*; when the  
 ‘ Whole was Violated; and the Case of the  
 ‘ *Revolution* is Equal to it. Our Greatest Pri-  
 ‘ vileges, even That on which all others de-  
 ‘ pend, *viz.* Of giving our Consent to the  
 ‘ Making New Laws, or Repealing Old

ones, was taken away ; and a *Dispensing*  
*Power* set up, in too many Instances to be  
 repeated. As the Nation agreed in the *Dis-*  
*ease*, so likewise did they in the *Remedy*, by  
 which the whole Frame of the Govern-  
 ment was entirely Restor'd ; A remarkable  
 Proof of the excellent Temper the Nation  
 was in at that time !

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Sir *Robert* *Eyes*

# SPEECH

*My Lords,*

**T**HE Prayers appointed by Authority, to be used on the 5th of *November*, regard a double Deliverance from the *Gun-Powder-*

*Treason-Plot*: But this Criminal has condemn'd *Resistance* in all Cases whatever. He takes notice of the *Revolution*, only to give it up: He allows that to be true, which every Man, and he himself, knows to be false: He says, *The late King disowned and disclaimed all manner of Resistance; and that to impute Resistance to the Revolution, is to cast odious Colours upon his late Majesty; which the Commons apprehend to be a full Proof of the Assertion in the First Article: For Resistance was the necessary Means used to bring about the Revolution: And it carries a high*

*Relle*

' Reflection upon our *Great and Glorious Deli-*  
 ' *verer*, to say he disclaimed Resistance, whilst  
 ' he was actually engaged in it for the Re-set-  
 ' tlement of our Constitution, and to preserve  
 ' us from Popery and Arbitrary Power, which  
 ' was the whole Design of his Labours, thro'  
 ' his most Glorious Reign.

' The Commons had reason to hope, after  
 ' so many Years Enjoyment of all the Happi-  
 ' nesses of a free-born People, and at a time  
 ' when the Subjects of this Kingdom enjoyed  
 ' the full Liberties under the Queen's Most  
 ' Excellent Administration; no Person would  
 ' have been so wicked, as to have cast any  
 ' Reflection upon the Means whereby these  
 ' Blessings were obtained, and are continued  
 ' to us.

' But since all these Enjoyments cannot sa-  
 ' tisfy or settle the restless and turbulent Spi-  
 ' rits of the *Enemies of the Revolution*, the  
 ' Commons think it their indispensable Duty  
 ' to the Crown, and to their Country, to de-  
 ' mand your Lordships Judgment on this im-  
 ' portant Subject; and the more necessary at  
 ' this time, because it is plain and obvious,  
 ' that since the late Attempt made by the *Pre-*  
 ' *tender*, these Principles have been espous'd  
 ' with more than ordinary Warmth and Zeal;  
 ' and the Commons apprehend it can have no  
 ' other

‘ other Tendency, but to blacken the Revolution, and weaken the present Settlement.

‘ Your Lordships will not only consider  
 ‘ this, with regard only to Her Majesty, but  
 ‘ to the present Settlement of the Protestant  
 ‘ Succession. - If the Resistance of the Revolution was not Legal, That *Act of Settlement*  
 ‘ *can have no greater Force than an Act passed under*  
 ‘ *an Usurper*: And the Commons think it of  
 ‘ the greatest Consequence to maintain it at  
 ‘ this time, when Her Majesty’s *most implacable*  
 ‘ *Enemies*, the *Friends* of the *Pretender*, can  
 ‘ advance his Title on no other Pretence, but  
 ‘ that of *Hereditary Right*. The Commons  
 ‘ therefore, out of the Allegiance they owe,  
 ‘ and shall ever pay to Her Majesty, and to  
 ‘ Guard Her Throne against every Insinuation  
 ‘ of those who are for the *Pretender*, think  
 ‘ themselves obliged to lay these things before  
 ‘ Your Lordships; especially considering of  
 ‘ what Consequence the Reflections now cast  
 ‘ upon the Revolution, may be to this Kingdom hereafter.

Sir



Sir *John* *Hollands*

# SPEECH

*My Lords,*

‘ **T**HE present Consideration is of the  
 ‘ greatest Importance; no less  
 ‘ than, Whether Your Lordships,  
 ‘ and so many of the Commons  
 ‘ of Great Britain, who took up Arms at the  
 ‘ Revolution, were really Rebels; and whether  
 ‘ our late Glorious Deliverer was an USURP-  
 ‘ ER or not? The Criminal was aware of this  
 ‘ just Objection, which appears by his Endea-  
 ‘ vours, on second Thoughts, to make us be-  
 ‘ lieve, that by *Resistance* he meant *Conquest*;  
 ‘ which he could not expect to hear of, with-  
 ‘ out the utmost Resentment of the Commons.

‘ It is an unaccountable Presumption, that  
 ‘ he could imagine so mean a Subterfuge should  
 ‘ prevent your Lordships Justice, which the  
 ‘ Com-

‘ Commons ask in this Case for his Reformation, and an Example to others.

‘ The Commons would by no means be understood, as if they thought the People were to be the Judges, when, and how far they are to obey. We agree, the Laws of *Obedience*, both *Divine* and *Humane*, are very exprels and positive; but Necessity will always make a justifiable Exception. So much depends upon the Revolution, that the Commons are highly Jealous of the Honour of it. Twenty Years it has been settled; but it is not so long since the *Pretender* and his Adherents endeavoured to invade it: And when they shall hear that the Revolution is branded in Sermons, as is now usual, it may have Consequences so ill, that we hope it shall not now be done with Impunity.

Mr.

‘ I am, Sir, your Obedient Servant.

Mr. *Walpole's*

# S P E E C H.

*My Lords,*

**I** Doubt not but your Lordships have observed how Injurious the Doctrines now in question, may be to the Kingdom, and how loudly they call for your Lordships Justice. When *Mercenary Scribes* are employ'd by a Party to vent their Malice, it may be fit to leave them to the Course of common Justice; But when the *Trumpet is sounded in Sion*, when the *Pulpit takes up the Cudgels*, and gives the Alarm, when these *bitter poisonous Pills* are gilded over with the *specious Name of Loyalty*, and People are taught to swallow them for their Souls and Consciences Sake, the Commons cannot but think it high time to put a Stop to the growing Evil; and they cannot apprehend but that the just Resentment they have



' have shewn on this Occasion, will meet with  
 ' Applause from all those that are sincere  
 ' Friends to Her Majesty and Her Government,  
 ' and to the *Protestant Succession* as is established  
 ' by Law; and therefore I do not wonder to  
 ' see Her Enemies concern'd at this Tryal.  
 ' The very Being of our *present Government*,  
 ' is the *Resistance* that was necessarily used at the  
 ' *Revolution*; And it is a most surprizing Assu-  
 ' rance, that while the Enemies of our State  
 ' are striking at the Root of all, they should be  
 ' able to pass themselves upon the World for  
 ' either. To recommend themselves to the  
 ' Queen, they find Fault with that *Revolution*,  
 ' without which she never would have been a  
 ' Queen, and we, the most miserable of People.  
 ' If *Resistance* be in no way safe to be allowed,  
 ' then all the great Priviledges enacted in the  
 ' Petition of Rights, are meer Pretences. *Re-*  
 ' sistance is no where enacted to be Legal, but  
 ' subject to all Laws, in being under the high-  
 ' est Penalties. The Doctrine of unlimited  
 ' Passive Obedience, is calculated for Absolute  
 ' Power: But if it cannot be an Advantage, or  
 ' Security to Her Majesty, who neither wants  
 ' nor desires it; what can the meaning of this  
 ' Attempt be, but to prepare the People to be  
 ' ready to embrace a Government, in which it  
 ' is like to be expected from them.

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